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### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: December 1, 1998  
Meeting Time: 11:00 A.M.  
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 233  
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Meeting Number: 6

Members Present: Rep. Vanessa Summers, Chair; Rep. Mae Dickinson; Rep. Robert Behning; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Billie Breaux.

Members Absent: Rep. Michael Young; Sen. Lawrence Borst; Sen. Glenn Howard.

LSA Staff Present: Ron Sobecki, Fiscal Analyst, Bob Rudolph, Staff Attorney.

Representative Summers called the meeting to order and recapped what the Committee has learned over the past five meetings. She stated the Committee has found: (1) there is no acceptable plan for the use of the Central State property; (2) there is a need for an additional forensic facility for inmates with special health needs and; (3) there is a need for a mental health facility in Indiana. Rep. Summers said the statutory charge of the Committee is to vote on a proposal by the Governor as to the best use of the property. She explained that at this time the Governor has no proposal for the Central State property.

Sen. Miller suggested that the Committee send a letter to the Governor stating that the current Department of Administration (DOA) plan is unacceptable. She stated the letter should also ask the Governor to respond to the following issues: (1) the need to increase the number of beds for individuals with mental illness; (2) the need to address the needs of individuals leaving Department of Correction facilities who have a mental illness; and (3) whether a new forensic facility will be built and where the facility will be built.

Representative Behning stated the Committee should also express the concern that if the Governor has no plans for the property, the property should be turned over to the city. He stated the city could then create a re-use authority similar to what occurred at Fort Harrison and the re-use authority could then decide the best use of the property. Sen. Miller stated that she is not ready to give the property to the city.

Sen. Breaux stated the Committee may want to develop some proposals for the use of the property to help resolve the stalemate. Representative Dickinson stated that she felt a good use of the property would be a family counseling center might be a good use of the property.

Sen. Miller moved that a letter be sent to the Governor stating that the current DOA plan is unacceptable and ask that the Governor provide information on addressing the needs of individuals with mental illness and those individuals leaving DOC facilities that have mental health needs. She stated the letter should also ask for information as to when a new forensic facility will be built. Sen. Miller stated the letter should also ask about addressing the needs of children with mental health needs. The Committee voted 5 to 0 to send a letter to the Governor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.